

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 12, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Blinding plates 22,22', shown also in Figure 2, are placed in the flowbox 10 between the edge margins of the forming wire 14 and the suction box 16; the forming wire 14 passes across their surface. The blinding plates 22, 22' are generally rectangular with a rectangular cut out 24,24' from their inside downstream (relative to the forming wire 14) corner. The presence of the blinding plates 22,22' as the wire starts to pass over the suction box 16 prevents the passage of slurry through the forming wire 14 in the region underlain by the blinding plates and so no glass fibers accumulate on the wire. As the wire 14 passes over the cut outs 24,24' from the blinding plates, slurry passes through the edge margins of the wire previously underlain by the blinding plates and glass fiber mat accumulates. The central portion of the forming wire 14 is not masked at all by the blinding plates 22,22', and so the glass fiber mat accumulates there throughout the passage of the forming wire over the suction box. In addition, since the blinding plates 22,22' extend across the entire widths of the edge margins, the flow of slurry through the forming wire is generally uniform across the entire widths of the edge margins. In view of this the substance weight/unit area is generally uniform across the entire widths of the edge margins.